

Declaration

Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Network (DCDHN)
Oranjestad, Aruba, April 12, 2024

Our mission: "We are a collective of committed professionals and volunteers dedicated to making heritage - in all its mediums - relevant to our communities. We are building wholeness."

We commit to the following:


1. To call upon our governments to allocate the necessary recognition, space, and financial resources essential for the advancement of initiatives in digital heritage preservation and access;
2. To serve our communities that produce heritage in all its mediums;
3. To commit to inclusivity, ensuring all community heritage and cultures are recognized and represented equitably;
4. To commit to sharing resources and knowledge among our organizations to collaboratively achieve our common goals;
5. To organize an annual Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Week¹, be it virtual or in-person;
6. To jointly explore how to increase public engagement and education around heritage issues;
7. To acknowledge that digital knowledge and heritage represent only a segment of the entire spectrum of knowledge and heritage;
8. To commit ourselves to adhering to an ethical framework that guides our practices and ensures accountability and transparency in the management and dissemination of digital heritage.
9. To encourage the Institutions within the Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Network to endorse and sign the Manifesto² of the NDE, the Dutch Digital Heritage Network;

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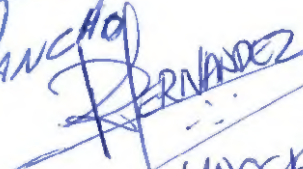
¹ The first Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Week was held in Aruba, April 8-12, 2024.
<https://networkdigitaalergoed.nl/activiteiten/manifest-netwerk-digitaal-erfgoed/>

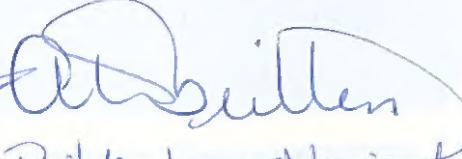

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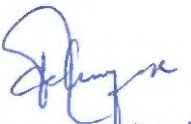
10. To Commit to honor
with Reverence & Respect
the legacies bequeathed to us
from those that came before
and to ensure the
Continuum for the generations
to follow

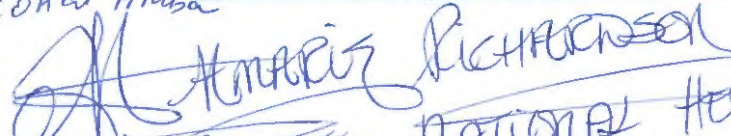

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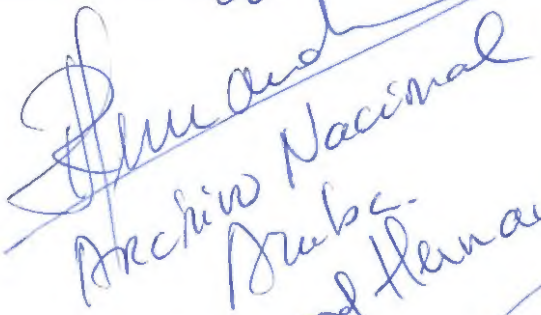

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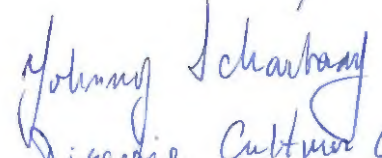

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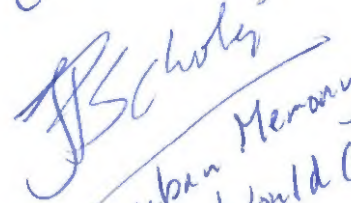

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